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NEGRO ENTERPRISE!

WILGERA OIL AND GAS CO. INCORPORATED RECENTLY.

HAS A CAPITAL STOCK OF $50,000

The Company is Being Deluged with Applications for Stock by Colored Men and Women from all Parts of Country—Standing of its Officers.

Columbus, O., Special to The Freeman.

Every little while the world is given fresh evidence that the American Negro, the American colored man or the Afro American, by whatever name you denominate him, is substantiating the claim of the race that their progress along every avenue is wonderful and phenominal. Perhaps the latest move of the race, and a move that has attracted the attention of not only the black citizenship of the country, but the whites as well, was the incorporation, a few weeks ago, of the Wilgera Oil and Gas company, with headquarters in this city, with a capital stock of $50,000, under the laws of West Virginia. The men who conceived the plan and engineered the project to successful accomplishment worked quietly, even shrank from publicity until they had the papers for the land signed and sealed, and the charter for their company safely in their office; then they announced it, and the surprise among white men at this, the greatest colored corporation ever launched, was fully as astounding as among the blacks. They at first secured 75 acres of the lands in the richest oil and gas belt of Ohio, lands that are known to be approved oil lands, with both gas and coal secreted within the bosom thereof in inestimable quantities. They quietly placed a portion of their stock on the market for the purpose of developing the land to its fullest possibilities, and every section of the country is represented in the demand for stock, which demand is unprecedented and has shown conclusively that colored men and women in the United States have money to invest, and that they are loyal to their race. The company is simply being deluged with applications for stock from colored men and women. Not content with the original tract of 75 acres, the company is about to close for four hundred acres more of acknowledged rich oil lands, and lands that are desired by the richest white oil corporations.

It is a distinctively colored corporation, being controlled, owned and officered exclusively by colored men, and men who stand without a blemish, men whose reputations are assurances of taking the best of care of their race's interests. Investors in the Wilgera Oil and Gas company, of Columbus, O., will reap big profits, immensely big profits before the year has expired. The men who have given to the world this fresh evidence of race advancement are men whose names alone stand as a synonym for push, energy and honesty. There is Prof. James McHenry Jones, president of the West Virginia Colored Institute, and head of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, one of the most capable men of the race in this country, justly popular and always for his race. There is George A. Myers, acknowledged leader, trusted lieutenant of Senator Hanna, a marvelously successful business man of Cleveland, O., who is known in every section of the country. There is Ralph W. Tyler, of Columbus, O., for fifteen years holding a most important position on the staff of one of Ohio's leading white dailies, the only colored man in the country to attain such an enviable position on a white daily, and has been secretary of several big financial corporations controlled by white men, handling all their funds. There is George A. Weaver, the president, and Wilber B. Jones, both of Columbus, O., men of fine attainments, business probity, safe, conservative men who would not invest a dollar, either for themselves or their friends, without first knowing that for every dollar invested there was in sight two or more dollars. The handsome residences they occupy and own, the other valuable real estate and stocks owned by them, is the surest evidence of their financial standing.

These are the men who launched the Wilgera Oil and Gas company; these are the men who will guide its destiny, and as is assured, give to the American people the greatest combination of colored capital, of colored enterprises and of financial success ever chronicled. Already the whites have dubbed them the "black Morgans." With a capital stock of $50,000, the Wilgera Oil and Gas company control oil lands worth five times its capital. Said a well known wealthy white oil operator the other day: "I predict that within a year this company will have a capital stock of one million dollars; that they will not only control oil lands and oil wells, but coal mines and the lands, industries, stores and in short, everything in one entire county of a Northern state, making the blacks absolutely masters of that county, industrially, financially and politically. I know something of their immense plans and of the indomitable energy of the men who are at the head. Keep your eye on this corporation, for Ethiopia will stretch forth her hand through this immense Negro enterprise."

Pertinent, Pithy Pickings.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Owing to the disagreeable weather, work on the new Baptist church at Nineteenth and Walnut streets has been postponed. Rev. Ricks is conducting a successful revival, and the meeting at the A. M. E. church in Seventeenth street, is also successful. Sam Dorn is ill at his home Douglass street. The X. Y. Z. club requests the presence of all good people at Clancey's hall to-night. Music will be furnished by Overby and Blakemore. Miss Cora Norns has returned from a pleasant visit to Northern cities. Joe Cheatham and George Scott are on the sick list. Don't forget to go on the excursion to Paducah on Monday, the 23th inst., only $1 for the round trip. J. W. Stovall, of St. Louis, is a guest of Mrs. L. Parrett, in Poplar street. Mrs. Alice Cook is ill at her home in Commercial avenue. Blakemore Russell sends regards to Harry A. Southerland, of Terre Haute, Ind. Miss Nina Meneer, of Mound City, was a guest of Miss Ada Ross, in Poplar street, last week, Overby and Blakemore's orchestras have combined, and are prepared to furnish music for any occasion. Editor Fisher, of the Standard, was in the city last week in the interest of his paper. The fair that was to have been held at Clancey's hall on the 26th, 27th and 28th inst., for the benefit of the Twelfth Street Baptist church, has been postponed until further notice.

FUTRELL CITY NOTES.

Owing to the bad weather, the agent of this paper did not get out last Sunday. The residents of this village should lay board walks, as the mud is shoe-top deep. An effort should be made to have the city extend the water mains and erect a school building.

News Among Hotel Boys.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—William Lewis, formerly second waiter at the Louisville hotel, is meeting with great success in his present position as second man at the Gault House, one of the largest European hotels in the Southwest. Mr. Lewis anticipates sending in his application to become a member of the Head and Second Waiters' Union. John White is in the city. Capt. Wm. Parker is still holding the fort at the Gault House. Walter McDonald has fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. Thornton Murray.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Thornton Murray, the popular newsdealer of Meridian, Miss., and whose portrait is given herewith, was born in 1872. His father died when he was quite small and he was left dependent upon his mother. He had some advantages in early life of attending the public school under Prof. E. H. Triplet, but not being able to remain in school, he began selling the weekly and daily papers of the city. He worked for a time at odd jobs, but continued to handle papers, increasing his stock by handling papers published in other towns. He has also connected with his news stand a small stock of merchandise, and is one of the foremost colored men of the city in every colored enterprise. Mr. Murray is secretary of several organizations, and reports the news of colored people to all the white papers of the city. Mr. Murray has been a member of the Baptist church for sixteen years, and is a living example for the young people of the community. He is now handling a small stock of groceries in connection with his news agency at Fifth street and Twenty-forth avenue, where you can find all the leading Negro papers and the white journals of the city. His office is a popular retreat, and when leading Negroes visit the city they always visit Murray's news stand. He has a large patronage from both races.

Officers of The Wilgera Oil, Coal & Gas Company...,

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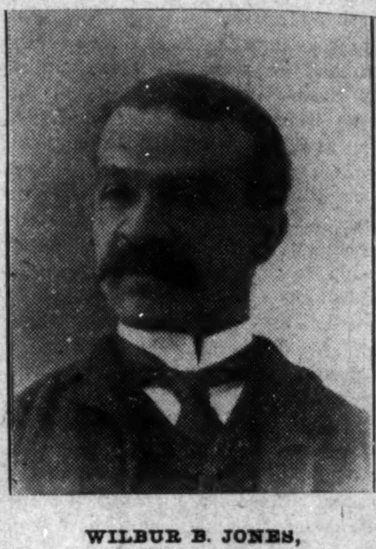

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A Children's Party Given.

Jacksonville, Ill., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Rolings gave their little daughter Alice a delightful party in honor of her 2d birthday anniversary. Forty little tots were present and amused themselves with various games, after which they all sat down and enjoyed a grand repast. Albert Walker and wife were summoned to the city on account of the serious illness of their sister. Mrs. Dora B. Johnson, of Cincinnati, is at the bedside of her mother in this city. Mr. and Mrs. George Corbin, of Bloomington, are visiting their parents in the city. Mrs. Elnora Lafayette is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Malone have a new boarder at their home. Charles Berry is able to be out again. The Colored Women's club have elected Mrs. D. R. Kenebrew as a delegate to the semi-annual convention, which meets in Chicago March 20th. The infant of Rev. Moore, which died recently, was taken to Leavenworth, Kan., for burial. Mr. Black is seriously ill at his home.

Nuggets New and Novel.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—The seventh Bohemian Fair begins at Roanoke Baptist church March 9th, and will continue one week. Beverly H. Watts and Miss Florence Griggs were married on the 5th at the home of the bride, in Whittington avenue, Rev. J. W. Jackson officiating. Miss Melnote Wade has closed her school at Bain Tip. Miss Ethel Watkins, of Columbia, Tenn., is in the city visiting her sisters. The late arrivals to the city are: Misses Ada Hill, St. Louis, Mo.; Carrie Allen and Sallie Palmer, Chicago; F. Evans, Chicago; L. Smith, Arkansas City; Martin Lewis, Terre Haute The remains of Miss Roberta Woods, who died last week, were shipped to her home in Athens, Ga.

Jackson Pick-Up Items.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Miss Eva Johnson is quite ill. Messrs. Andrews and Emmitt Williams were in the city last week. Miss Mamie Lawrence of Flint is visiting Miss Eva Harrison. Rev. Johnson of the Second Baptist church is on the sick list. Mr. George Powers has returned from Grand Rapids. Mrs. Rev. Collins and Mrs. Gilbert returned from Battle Creek last week. Mrs. H. Johnson was made a member of the Grand Fountain last Thursday. Miss Bessie Powers has returned from Battle Creek. Mrs. Wm, Kemp has returned from Benton Harbor. Any one wishing The Freeman will please call on our agent. Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

Protracted Meeting Held.

Decatur, Ill., Special.—The Second Baptist church is holding a protracted meeting, and is meeting with success. Harry Stewart and Miss Mabel C. Lewis, of Chicago, were married at the home of Daniel Stewart on the 10th. The bride is a member of the "Smart Set" company. Thomas Rhodes has been honored with a position in the State Capitol. Rober Kelly has accepted the position of manager of the Bachelors' club at Champagne.

Facts in Condensed Form.

Wewoka, I. T., Special.—Rev. Barclay has taken charge of the A. M. E. church and great progress is expected. E. B. Cabbell is still selling lots and is a hustler. Mrs. Hughes is still ill at her home.

ROUGH AND ROCKY!

IS THE PATHWAY OF NEGRO BARBERS IN LONE STAR STATE.

WEDDING BELLS SOON TO RING!

When Two Happy Couple will Enter upon the Matrimonial Sea—James Minstrel Makes a Hit—Great Revival Meeting in Progress.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—The Barbers' Benefit Association elected officers last week. Some of the colored barbers are taking an active part in investigating the Barbers' Commission bill now before the legislature, and to ascertain, if possible, the standing Negro barbers will have under its provisions. The Ministers' Union meets every Tuesday at some of the various churches, yet there are some ministers here who refuse to affiliate with the organization. Mrs. Van Price has returned from Savannah, Ga. Wedding bells are soon to ring—Francis Hoard and Miss Jessie Williams will be married at St. James A. M. E. church on the 25th inst. W. W. Canton, of this city, and Miss L. B. Hyson, of Waco, will also be joined in matrimony on the 25th. James B. Benson is spending the season at Hot Springs. Dr. J. W. Rankin, Supreme Reporter of the Knights of Honor of the world, spent a few days in the city last week on official business. The ten clubs recently appointed by Dr. West to raise $1,000, have begun work. Joe Walker is visiting in the city. Our young people should learn to save a part of their earnings and not spend every cent they earn foolishly. Dr. Wm. J. Laws, of Austin, spent a few days here last week. He reports that everything is progressing in the capital city. James' Greater Minstrels was the bill at the Owl Club hall last Thursday night, and was a creditable performance, which was appreciated by the audience. B. J. Bird, assisted by a company of select amateurs, have won much praise in the light dramas they have recently presented here. Those who attended the Epworth League meeting at the A. M. E. church on the 12th, were amply repaid in the many tributes paid to Abraham Lincoln, the abolitionist, statesman and emancipator. The revival that has been in progress at St. Paul M. E. church for the past three weeks, has been a success in every way. Many have been converted and Rev. Cavanis is well pleased with the result. Many of the city pastors have assisted in this meeting. Will Lewis is slowly improving. Mesdames Mollie Lyons and Susie M. Porter visited in Galveston, Houston, and San Antonio last week. Mesdames Ella Willis, Eugene Mosley and Alice Mitts are recovering from their recent illness. The Freeman is on sale every Saturday at Duncan's tailor shop, George Anstin's, Hawkin's tailor shop and Griffin's parlors.

The Grim Reaper's Work.

Youngstown, O., Special.—Charley Duff, a well known young man of the city, died on the 4th inst. The funeral was conducted from the A. M. E. church, Rev. Carson officiating. He leaves a mother, father, three brothers and three sisters to mourn his departure. There were many beautiful floral offerings. George G. Coleman made a business trip to Cleveland last week. P. Berry gave a masquerade ball at Dimant hall on the 16th. A large number of the society people were in evidence. Refreshments were served in abundance. E. F. Mathews is recovering from his late illness. Mrs. T. Gilmore, of Pittsburg, Pa., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Jennie Smith, in Phelps street. B. W. Haywood was sick last week, but is recovering. Miss Georgia Washington, of Warren, was in the city last week.

Revivals in Progress.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The revival at the A. M. E. church is still in progress, and several have been added to the church. Mrs. Rev. Taylor, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out. Rev. Mrs. Wright is the guest of Rev. Taylor and family. Rev. Wright has been assisting in the revival. About fifty men were initiated into the K. of P. lodge on the 15th inst., by the team from Connersville, assisted by the teams from Indianapolis and Anderson. Mr. Bailey, of Connersville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs James Mills, in S. Grant street last week. Mrs. Watkins, of Kokomo, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned home last week.

POWERFUL ADDRESS

DELIVERED BY DR. WASHINGTON BEFORE FLORIDA EDUCATORS.

HE SWAYED AUDIENCE AT WILL!

And Made an Eloquent Appeal to the Whites to be Fair and Patient with the Negro—Manly Defense Made for his Oppressed Race.

The County Superintendents of Public Instruction of the state of Florida held a convention at Gainesville, Fla., from the 3rd to the 6th of this month, and W. N. Sheats, State Superintendent of Public Instruction was president of said convention. Mr. Sheats invited Booker T. Washington to visit Gainesville during the week of the convention and deliver an address on "Negro Education" the night of the 5th, and he also invited the leading Negro educators of the state to meet Mr Washington and discuss plans for improving the methods of teaching, and for prolonging the term of Negro schools throughout the state.

The Gainesville newspapers announced that Mr. Washington had been invited to address the County Superintendents of Public Instruction in the auditorium of the white public school of that city, and immediately, Superintendent of Public Instruction Holloway of Alachua county of which county Gainesville is the county site, published an article in which he declared that Mr. Washington should not speak in the auditorium of the white public school while he was county superintendent. This letter was published Friday, Jan. 30, and caused quite a stir throughout the state; and every big (?) white man in Alachua county and the state of Florida, who is a political opponent of Mr. Sheats, took this opportunity of denouncing him, and swearing vengeance against him for the insult that had been offered the "superior race" of which they were "leaders. (?) This agitation culminated in an indignation meeting Monday night, the 2nd inst., at which meeting resolutions were passed sustaining the actions of County Superintendent Holloway, and denouncing State Superintendent Sheats. While this meeting was in progress, and Mr. Sheats was being denounced in vigorous language, he arrived in the city, and went immediately to the place of meeting and surprised his critics in the midst of their deliberations; and I am reliably informed that he made the "fur fly" for a few minutes; and that some of the things that were said on that occasion would not look well in school reading books. Mr. Washington was expected to arrive on the 4th, but after hearing of all the excitement over his proposed visit, he did not leave Tuskegee on the 3rd as he had anticipated, but on the 4th he received a telegram signed by Mr. Sheats, County Superintendent Holloway and the mayor of Gainesville, urging him to come and deliver his address and assuring him that he would be cordially received. Mr. Washington telegraphed me on the night of the 4th that he would arrive in Jacksonville, Thursday morning, the 5th and requested me to meet him, which I did.

He remained in Jacksonville until 2:10 p. m., and I accompanied him to Gainesville as his guest. A great many of Mr. Washington's friends wanted him to cancel his Gainesville engagement, as they feared he might have been the victim of violence on the part of some Negro-hater. And it was on account of this fear for his safety, that I decided to accompany him. Gainesville is an old-fashioned ante-bellum Southern city, and more than one outrage has been perpetrated upon Negroes in Alachua county; therefore I expected that Mr, Washington would at least be insulted and discourteously treated, if he was not injured physically. We went on a local train of the Seaboard Air Line railway and of course stopped at every cross road and saw mill and at every place we stopped, several men, both white and black, came into the car to see and shake hands with the famous Negro. Booker T. Washington. After we had stopped at several stations and all the white men who had spoken to him, had expressed their appreciation of him, and told him how glad they were that he was going to Gainesville to speak, all fears I had as to his safety, vanished. Two elderly white men got on at Waldo, Fla., and shook hands with Mr. Washington and told him that they were going to Gainesville just to hear him speak. A very amusing incident occurred at this place, Waldo; a typical "cracker" about sixty years old was on the rear platform of our peering into the coach, and another white man who had just spoken to Mr. Washington, said to him: "There sits Booker Washington, go in and speak to him," and the fellow on the platform replied: "No, I don't want to speak to him; I used to think a lot of Booker, but since he took dinner with the President, I have no more use for him, and I don't want to speak to him;" but his friend insisted, and said: "I just shook hands with him, and I tell you he is a mighty fine fellow and want you to go in and shake hands with him, cause you may never get another opportunity; come right in and see him, come on now." And the old man said, "well I believe I will." I was standing on the platform smoking, and I followed them in to hear what the old fellow would say to Mr Washington, and to my surprise he told Mr. Washington that he was very glad to meet him, and that he had been reading about him for years, and thought him the smartest Negro in the world, and always wanted to meet him and shake his hand; and told him how much good he thought he was to his race. In fact, he bored Mr Washington by the profusion of his compliments and did not leave him until the train began moving.

When we arrived in Gainesville we were met by a reception committee and escorted to the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Clinton, where we received the best of care and attention during our brief stay. I went down to the Brown House (a white hotel) about 6:30 p. m. ostensibly to see a friend of mine, who was stopping there, but in reality to see what the sentiment concerning Mr Washington was, but I was agreeably surprised to find that there was no feeling whatever against him, but that all this noise about Mr. Washington's coming had been made by the political enemies of Mr. Sheats; and that even the majority of those who had protested loudest against his speaking in the auditorium of the white school, were as anxious to hear him as those who had endorsed his being invited. Mr. Sheats had electric lights put in the circuit court room, and had filled every available space with benches and chairs. Mr. Washington was to speak at 8 o'clock, so at ten minutes to 8 we drove up to the court house and the corridors and stairs leading to the court room were so crowded that the sheriff had to force a way for us to get through the crowd to the court room. There were nearly two thousand people in the room and crowds were on the stairs and in the hall ways, and the local newspapers said about six hundred people were turned away, because they could not get within hearing distance of the speaker. There were nearly as many ladies present as men, and more than half of those present were whites.

Mr. Sheats introduced Mr. Washington, and said if he were asked to name the greatest white man in America and the one who had done the most for humanity, he would be unable to do so; but that if he were called upon to name the greatest Negro America has produced, and the Negro who has done most for humanity, irrespective of color, he would name Booker T. Washington. The hearty applause, from both black and white, with which this statement was received, and the uproarous welcome given Mr. Washington when he arose to speak, was all that his most ardent admirers could expect. I have heard Mr. Washington speak on several occasions, but as I listened to him on the 5th inst., and saw how he swayed his audience and how completely he had them under his control, I realized that I had never fully appreciated his greatness. While I have admired him for years, and we have been friends since Jan. 1, '98, I have criticised him severely at times; and I wish all of his critics could have been with me in Gainesville and heard his speech and seen with what a masterly hand he handled those Negro-hating "crackers," and heard them applauding him when he scored them for their misdeeds, and I am sure that none of them would ever again accuse him of being a "good nigger," which, in my opinion, is the meanest thing a Negro can be called; for there is no human being for whom I have more contempt than a "good nigger."

When he finished speaking he could truly have used Cæsar's famous message: "Veni, vidi, vici," in acquainting his friends with the result of his trip to Gainesville. He spoke for an hour and thirty-five minutes, and when he finished the applause was deafening. I wish all the Negroes and whites in the South could have heard the manly defense he made for his race, and the touching appeal he made to the whites to be fair and patient with the black man. Enemies may criticise and newspapers may misquote him, but I am positive that Gainesville will be a better town for the Negroes to live in, and that the relations will be more cordial between the two races, as the result of Mr Washington's speech; and it is my honest opinion that the result is the same wherever Mr. Washington speaks. On Friday morning several prominent white citizens of Gainesville urged Mr. Washington to speak again that night from the band stand in the court house square, so that more people could hear him. He thanked them very kindly but declined to remain, and we left for Jacksonville at 1:30 p. m. One of the most remarkable things about this affair is, that Mr. Sheats, who invited Mr. Washington to Gainesville to speak, has been all of his life one of the most unreconstructed rebels in the state and supposed to be a Negro hater of the deepest dye, but Mr. Washington seems to have converted him in the last year, and he is now a strong advocate of longer school terms for Negro schools, and higher wages for Negro teachers. I am not a blind devotee of Mr. Washington, nor do I think him perfect by any means, but I do believe the Negro race, as a whole, is better off for his having lived; and I pray God he may be spared many years to plead for peace between the two races.

J. DOUGLASS WETMORE.

Jacksonville, Fla , Feb. 8 '03.

News Notes from Tennessee.

Columbia, Tenn., Special.—The colored citizens of this place are progressing as well as can be expected, a colored drug store having been opened for business a few months ago, which should receive a large patronage from the people One of the large shareholders is a reader of The Freeman. The many friends of Miss Ida Crosby in Hill street will be glad to know that she is recovering from her recent illness. Mrs. Elizabeth Booker, mother of Myra Porter, on Church avenue, died very suddenly early Sunday morning, Feb. 7th. Mrs. James Brown died Sunday night, Feb 7th, at her home in North Hill street. Mrs. Dolly Watkins of Hill street is on the sick list. The L. and N. railroad passenger station is nearing completion, and when finished will present a handsome appearance. Mrs. Annie McClure is again on the sick list. The Ladies' Thursday Evening Industrial Club met Thursday, the 5th inst., with the Misses Anna and Lizzie Ferguson at their home on Hill street. Games of amusement were played, after which a delicious menu was served. The club will meet Thursday, the 12th, with Mrs. Lena Goodbe on Frierson street. The pulpit at St. Paul A. M E church was filled Sunday night, the 7th inst., by Rev Robinson, the pastor, Rev. James Gilmore, not being in the city. Mrs Dave Smith of Third street continues ill. Mahara's minstrels showed on the 4th inst to a fair size audience. If your neighbors want The Freeman tell them to see Luther Miller and he will do the rest. A little grand child of Mr. Sol. Brown died on Saturday, the 7th, at his home on Hill street. Mrs. Lulu Peyton is having a house erected on East Seventh street. Thos Byrdsong is headwaiter at the Bethel. He is a reader of The Freeman. The old soldiers, by putting their money together, have put in a stock of groceries in the Oakes' building. That oyster supper given by the boys Monday night, the 2d, was a success. Subscribe for The Freeman, the best colored paper printed. That is what the people say. Aunt Lucinda Gerrett died Saturday night, the 7th, at her home near South Side Park. G. G. White is one of Columbia's progressing colored business men.

News Personal and General.

St. Joseph, Mo., Special.—We now have an up-to-date drug store conducted by colored men. The prescriptions are compounded by colored men. It has elegant apartments with shelves well laden with fresh drugs and sundries. This enterprise merits your patronage. Fremont Quarles is recovering from his recent illness. The lodges have done heroic work here this winter with sickness and death. Mrs. Dr. Ricketts, of Omaha, Neb., visited in the city last week. Messrs. Thomas and Hinton have accepted positions in Kansas City. Oscar Ricketts has opened a hotel for colored people near the depot. Ernest Evans has charge of the new cafe opened at the Hotel Metropolis. The orchestra of Prof. Will Morris furnished music for the Yale Club, and was voted a swell affair. The "jim crow" car and the bill to prohibit Negroes from the use of public libraries, are stirring up the race-pride Negroes throughout the state. Grant Strater, of Omaha, is visiting his mother in the city. Leave orders for The Freeman at 119 Frances street.

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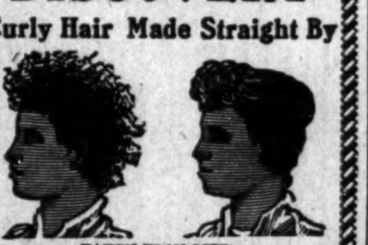

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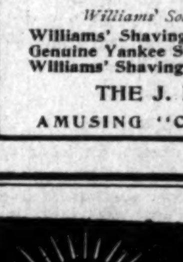

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THE WAITER.

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George W. Moore, late headwaiter at the Hot Wells hotel, San Antonio, Tex, is now in Hot Springs, Ark., taking a course of baths.

E. T. Montgomery is making quite a hit at the Park hotel, Hot Springs, Ark, and it is said that he now has the best drilled crew of waiters ever installed in the Park.

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Colored waiters are still on the toboggan, and something must be done in the next few months to restore confidence. Once upon a time there was a Head and Second Waiters' National Association that pleaded the colored waiters cause, but—where is that organization now?

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THE HEADWAITER'S DUTIES.

"Tom" Clark Tells of the Work He Does.

A Herald reporter was talking with "Tom" Clark, the big headwaiter at the Yates hotel recently. "Tom" has had long experience in the business of keeping a multitude of waiters in order.

"Lots of people think that the headwaiter has nothing else to do but stand at the door and look wise, but in reality he has to be on the alert all the time to see that the guests are waited upon," said Tom.

"We have to class people, and on that account a headwaiter has to be a good judge of human nature We reserve special tables for this purpose. For instance, I never seat a clergyman with a lot of commercial men. Their conversation might not please him.

"You can wait on some people for years and give them satisfaction, but just one error cancels all the good you ever did. This is so in most all cases.

"The man of refinement who leads an ideal home life is very dainty in what he orders, and orders only what he can comfortably eat. The man not used to high living on the other hand even though he is in the habit of stopping at hotels regularly, orders a good deal more than he can possibly eat. This makes it hard for the American plan hotel.

"There is another class of people who, when they see the dining room full of people, rush in and tell me that they have got to catch a train and ask for a special waiter to attend to them alone. The next morning these guests are still at the hotel.

"Some guests want a table all to themselves, and if the man who is accustomed to sit next to him happens to bring in a friend, this man is unwilling to sit elsewhere and makes a great kick. To prevent anything like this occurring the headwaiter has to use a good deal of tact.

"We have to pay especial attention to ladies who are traveling alone. A woman when she enters the dining room is likely to be stared at. She feels more or less embarrassed and we try to do all we can to make her feel at ease and enjoy her meal. I always seat a woman who is alone so that she will not be stared at. I immediately beckon a waiter, if I have to take him from the other side of the room, and while he has gone to get her order I always go up again and ask if she is being served all right, and then tell her that I will be at the door if she should want anything. This makes the woman feel that there is some one present who will look after her and she is relieved of embarrassment. If any one, however, annoys her I go and busy myself in his neighborhood, at the same time managing to obstruct his glance, and if this does not suffice, and it very rarely happens that it does not. I see that the man knows that he is not making himself agreeable."

Mr. Clark has been in this business all his life, and there is no better waiter in the city than he. He began as push boy on the cars that were in use in dining rooms a number of years ago.—Syracuse Herald.

Should Organize for Protection.

Mr. Editor—Being a constant reader of your paper, and especially as relates to the doings of waiters, and the many valuable items advising them in their habits, service, etc., I feel it a duty to advance a point in their favor as it effects their well-being and progress in a field of labor well worth the attention of the most conservative, and that point is: That waiters should be organized for the protection of their interest as relates to their occupation and employment.

2. That such organization should not only be encouraged by headwaiters, but should be promoted as a necessary part of their success.

It is to be regretted that the great association of headwaiters have not already seriously considered this matter when assembled in their conventions. Of course publicity in such matters would not be good or a discreet policy; but something must be done for the sidewaiters. Who will be the champion of their cause? Speak now or hold your peace. In a subsequent letter I shall give a few suggestions to organizers. This letter may provoke much comment among those who feel it no part of their duty to champion the waiters' rights. If it does, then it only begins that which we shall hope to bring the best results from agitation, friction and perhaps discord, out of which may come sunshine and encouragement, just as sunshine follows rain On with the battle cry! Let The Freeman be the medium of the quarrel. There is more in it than one would think. Stir it for all its worth.

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Hotel Pick-Ups from Windy City.

The bell boys at the Windermere hotel, Chicago, Ill., look like a Paris fashion plate with their new suits on. Ben. Streeter of the Windermere crew is with the Beach boys. Mr. Washington, the barber, has quit the barber trade for a few months, and is now with the Windermere boys. James Coff is with the Windermere boys any more. J. Cook is again with the Windermere boys. Dan Piper is back at the Windermere once more. Han has learned to be a mixologist. Dan Reed, headwaiter at the Windermere, is having success with the boys. Mr. Oats, our merchant tailor, is helping the boys at the Windermere for a while (money coming in both ways). There is always some body lectureing the sidewaiters. Why don't some one lecture some of our would-be headwaiters? Asie Johnson, our ex-Ward McAllister, is once more upon his feet, and is giving the Windermere boys a call. Good luck for Mr. Johnson.

Tips.

An "Anti-Tipping League" is proposed. Such a scheme might be a failure, but every intelligent New Yorker knows that the "tipping" system has grown unreasonably in this city in recent years, and that in most hotels and restaurants it has become an almost intolerable abuse. The feeling against it is steadily becoming stronger. The owners of every tavern, eating house and cafe ought to give fair service at fair prices, and ought to forbid their employes to practice what is really in effect petty blackmail Such methods are not truly American. Most of the hotels and restaurants make up a list of prices sufficiently remunerative for the capital invested. But too many of them in this day and generation permit the men whose names appear on their payrolls to pray upon their patrons in the exaction of "tips." Such blackmailing is out of place in this city, and it ought to be stamped out.—The New York Tribune.

Louis Lamb, a well-known hotel man of Indianapolis and Chicago, died last week in Detroit, Mich. Mr. Lamb was one of the best young hotel men in the country, and was in service at the Metropole at the time of his fatal illness.

The waiters of the Illinois hotel, Bloomington, Ill., gave a grand ball at the new Armory, February 5th. It marked an event in the social conditions of Bloomington.

Mr. B. Holman, headwaiter of the Albion hotel, St. Paul, Minn., would like to know the whereabouts of Mr. John Lindsey, chef cook; would like to correspond with him on very important business. Please reply at once. 14 tf

REVIVAL MEETINGS IN PROGRESS

Roscoe & Holland's Minstrels to be Entertained by Buffaloes.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Rev. Ricks is meeting with great success in his revival, and the revival at the A. M. E. church is quite successful. Andrew Lane shot Edgar Smith over a wife quarrel. Smith is not out of danger and Lane is in jail. Mrs. Hannah Painter is ill at her home in Seventeenth street. Mrs. Anna Skinner, of Locust street, was called to Jackson, Tenn., by the illness of her mother. H. C. Jenkins and wife are in the city to spend the spring and summer. Mrs. T. B. Hughes, of Mound City, was in the city on the 29th ult. Mrs. Carrie Fields entertained Mesdames Persia Duncan, Justa Hudson and Maggie Tonsil, of Mound City, at dinner on the 8th. J. W. Stovall was a guest of Mrs. L Parrott, in Poplar street, last week. Sam Blakemore, of Terre Haute, Ind., is in the city. From this on our readers will be required to pay in full on the 5th and 20th of each month. Look out for the dead beat list next week. Mrs. Ida Walker, of St. Joseph, Mo., who was called to the city by the death of her mother, has returned home. Call on Ed. Overby for first class music. There was a quiet wedding at 2405 Poplar street on the 1st. The Buffaloes of the city will entertain the Roscoe & Holland Minstrels on the 26th, at their club rooms in Washington avenue. Mrs. Martha Graham, of Morganfield, Ky., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, in Douglass street. Mrs. Maggie Irvin, of Poplar street, is on the sick list. Edward Cheatham is ill.

FUTRELL CITY NEWS.

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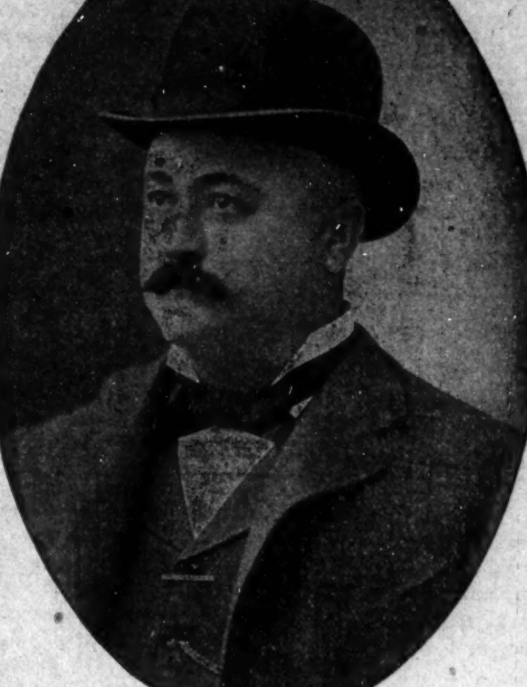

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VENEZUELA AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The Venezuela and all (?) Europe imbroglio, in the language of the diplomate, no longer menaces the peace of the world, entente cordiale is again in evidence between the creditor and debtor nations. The termination of the misunderstanding has not impaired the standing of the contendents—national humor—the virtue of nations. President Castro is happy and congratulates Minister Bowen of the United States for his firm and manly stand and not for the finesse of his fine Italian hand as it might have been a decade or so ago.

Diplomacy, as understood in the east, with its myriad interests to preserve is quite a new gag to the occident. Minister Bowen knew a hawk from a hernsaw, and that was sufficient for him—he calls a spade a spade and doesn't care to know any more.

The chief contendent, Germany, and the lesser spirits, Great Britain and Italy, have been awarded by the international receiver, Minister Bowen, and the whole matter has been amicably adjusted, and the Veneznelan withers are yet unwrung. The State is yet intact, solvent and full of fight.

The Monroe Doctrine has been on trial in the meanwhile, and its just like the wiley Wilhelm that he is, to be forcing the hand of our country arent that little Philippine business. But the American Republic was conveniently obtuse on the situation and had never a word to say. So after all it will do as a diplomat. The concensus of opinions is that the Monroe theory comes out shining brighter than ever, and it stands to reason that successful tests are the means of surer intrenchment of the principle tested.

The Monroe Doctrine was a sagacious piece of statescraft flung out at a most opportune time; a time when the major countries of Europe had no great part and share in the countries in question, and the minor ones, principally Spain, had lost their dependencies. Spain was the great sufferer She had lost Mexico and other countries in South America, all of which had declared for and won their independence. They were successful in appealing to the United States for recognition. President Monroe had nothing to fear in uttering such a comprehensive proclamation at that time. The Guianas, Dutch, French and British were the only monarchial dependencies on the main continent of South America. There were a few straggling islands in the seas, which beyond Cuba, Hayti and Jamaica were not worthy of a good fight. The Doctrine was the salvation of practically the southern half of the Western Hemisphere; it was to the interest of the new Republics; they gave it force in honoring it as the northern half did from a spirit of new world patriotism as against the old It was evident to the statesmen of Monroe's day felt that for commercial purposes the new Republics would be tempting prey with their great but undeveloped resources. They were also acquainted with the grasping propensities of the great powers—territorial absorption for their territorial aggrandizement, which then seemed to be in a quiescent state—perhaps that stupor into which Europe fell after the great Napoleon– the Rip Van Winkle period.

By the Monroe Doctrine invasion for the purpose of subjugation and annexation is impossible. There is no provision beyond sentiment in maintaining it But it is one of those laws made by custom, the law implanted in the hearts—stronger than those of statute books. It is evident that, in a crisis, a way would be found. It was demonstrated when Louis Napoleon sent Maximilian Joseph to Mexico during our civil war. He set up a short lived monarchy, but it was a fiasco and reads like a page borrowed from Cervante's "Don Quixote." It is, of course, tauntalizing to the proud crowned heads of Europe to know that America, the last to enter the lists, the unplumed knight should carve out an empire for itself—a sphere of influence that none dare invade and yet claim the world besides as a field of conquest in common.

It preserves us at home; it gives us allies, and in opposition to Mr. Watterson's theory we prefer these Mongrel nations in proximity rather than corn fed John Bull or Mein Herr (Crafty) Wilhelm or the Czar of all the Russias patrolling our seas, teaching us about the Balkan, the Soudan, the East Indian Question, the "Sick man of Europe" and the rest of it.

The Monroe Doctrine helps to preserve the peace of the world by keeping the Western Hemisphere free of entangling alliances as Mr. Monroe put it in the beginning.

THE BARBERS' BILL.

The Indiana Legislature may pass the Barbers' bill, but at that it would not prove the necessity for it. A sanitary board to look after the sanitary conditions of shops might be plausible, but when one thinks about the matter it will be seen that barbershops are about the cleanest shops men patronize.

Competition compels proprietors of shops to keep them in first class, attractive condition so far as soap and water can help. It is a matter of choice when it comes to patronizing shops—men can go unshaven or unkempt if they see it that way, or they can have their shops at home, as many do, beyond the all-pervading eye of the sleuthful legislator. The inquisition might be instituted in each house with just as much propriety. The barbers do not object to a commission that will look after the sanitary condition of their shops—cleanliness is their long suite, but they are opposed to a knock out machine to be dubbed "Examining Board."

Colored men have been in business for years, giving satisfaction to the most exacting patrons—scientists, bacteriologists, microbeologists and the whole bacilli clan, but they are not bookmen; they could be stagg red by the terms the examining board might inject. Just to think—dermatology, hirsuteology—spellatim, literatim et nauseatim ad infinitum—horribilis! The colored barbers will order bake-ovens and the rest of the germ killing paraphernalia. they will scrub with antiseptic soaps and solutions galore, they will turn on rivers of formaldehyde, but don't turn on "dat zamning bohd"

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED.

Too much cannot be said for the promoters of the Lincoln's birthday celebration held at Allen Chapel church last week. Mr. Gurley Brewer needs special mention for his activity in shaping things so commendably, also the pastor of the church, Rev. Martin Coleman, who made it possible by tendering the church and otherwise providing for the excellent banquet that followed.

The mayor of the city, Hon Charles A. Bookwalter, Secretary of State Storms, Bishop Grant and Mr. George L. Knox were among the speakers. The audience tested the capacity of that large church. The people were in harmony with the occasion as was noted by the rapt attention and marked appreciation for all that took place.

The mayor, Mr. Bookwalter, not only made a speech which, by the way, was notable for its felicity and warmth of expression, but he signalized the occasion by presenting an excellent bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln to the church in memoriam. The act was a genuine surprise to that great audience, and it was not slow to appreciate the gift, to applaud the giving and to utter expressions giving evidence of increased esteem for the giver.

NOT IN NEED.

The office of Recorder of Deeds is sadly in need of an increase appropriation by Congress to meet its growing means Among other things may be mentioned the creation of the office of private secretary to the Recorder, and Mr. R W. Thompson. the well-known journalist and all-round man, is favorably spoken of for the position.—Shreveport Watchman.

Mr. Thompson is well-known in Indianapolis, his former home. His friends will rejoice to know of his good fortune. He is one of the bright lights of his race and in every way fitted to fill the responsible position of private secretary to Mr. Dancy.—The Freeman.

Recorder Dancy is not in need of a private secretary at present, and should he ever need one there are plenty of competent colored Republicans who have always been true to the party The Bee doesn't doubt the ability of the gentleman mentioned by its contemporary. but why not have a Republican appointed if the recorder is in need of a private secretary?—The Bee, Washington, D C.

We are not acquainted with the needs of Mr Dancy's office. The "Bee" seems to be very well posted, however, and it may be taken for granted that Mr. Dancy really does not need the secretary. But that is quite aside from the point; Mr. Thompson is the question. In our opinion; ours, now, mind you; Mr. Thompson is about as much Republican as many others who are willing to take the job under that head. He, at least, has ability and official integrity, and those things should stand for something. Mr. Thompson may consider himself extremely fortunate if irregularity of political conduct or political heterodoxy is the only thing to be urged against him. We are not willing to stand for his destruction that score in view of his other attainments that count for so much to the racial good.

The bill introduced by Senator Hanna allowing pensions to ex slaves, is an exemplification of his humanitarian spirit. Think of it, four millions of people of one race, after over two hundred years of bondage, turned loose upon the world uneducated and without a dollar. The government should have protected them and by all means should have given them some aid. Should the bill never become a law, the spirit in which Senator Hanna introduced it will be appreciated by the ex-slaves and his name forever honored.—Columbus (O.) Standard.

The Standard informs us that Senator Hanna was influenced by the best motives—"exemplification of humanitarian spirit," and the rest of it, when he introduced the measure, and yet there are those who say that he did it out of respect, merely, for the man that asked him, and then there is a third class that insists that the enlargement of the Senator's phrenological bump of philanthropical proclivity is due to method, and yet we are loathe to believe that the Senator has anything else in mind but the best of intentions. Is it a case of: Read this puzzle and get a part of the prize; its hard, but you've got the brain; you can do it? And just ten thousand. fall in—chumps—the game may be totally foreign, but silly up your answer and pay for your pains bye and bye.

We are having considerable political razzle-dazzle just now. The colored man should keep a weather eye open or he may be lost in the shuffle. Marcus Hanna is too adroit to be led to make as big a mistake as is warranted by the face of things. He, perhaps, wants a show of hands. and, if so, he has certainly succeeded in drawing them out. But no matter about his scheme, whatever it is, if his motives are ulterior to that advertised through the action, then he is just as reprehensible as he would be if he did not have a single dollar.

The Columbus Standard, judging from the above, is very much of the opinion that the Senator is imbued with a deep sense of regard for the poor unfortunates who have fumbled and stumbled along some how, God only knows, until this day. Forty years of crying in the wilderness of want and woe have already been spent and the sun of the old Negro has about gone down. We are opposed to the ruthless hand of pillage, pillaging the memory of contentment fair, and storing it with delusions and false hopes, and too to those that are the least prepared of all the people to stand it.

The pension scheme is a dream, which Hanna nor any one else can make make practicable. We trust that colored people everywhere may not be taken in under this huge pretense that simply fills the coffers of sharks and pushes along the political propaganda of charlatans that can stoop to the business. Theft and roguery are equally as good professions to be in as the ex slave pension business; it is better; for the poor have nothing that may be stolen; the rich alone would suffer. The only feasible scheme is one that has in mind the establishment of homes for the maintenance of the ex-slaves, yet it is the project that is not mentioned.

President Roosevelt, it is said, will not withdraw the nomination of Dr. D. H. Crum, who was turned down by the committee acting on the nomination. He has precedents for the case in hand Ex-President Cleveland and Trotter and C. H. J. Taylor were instances where Mr. Cleveland showed the stuff that was in him As a matter of respect to about ten million Negroes whose future is wrapped up, to some extent, in every incident of the kind, it is hoped that the President will carry out his part. Dr. Crum is worthy or else he would not have been honored with the position It is one of those ugly race quarrels that have faced every President since the civil war, and before it. The present President, Mr. Roosevelt, has the grit to see that his man stays put. Of course he cannot do the whole thing. The efforts to balk him will be set down as efforts to impede right. Those opposing may obtain glory for the moment, but principles, right principles, will live on and on after impeder and impediment are no more.

The Pen and Pencil Club of Washington. D C, did a very appropriate thing in the celebration of Frederick Douglass' birthday on the 14th. An elaborate souvenir program was gotten out for the occasion, which in itself marked the character of the entertainment. The name of the grand old man should be revered. He played his part in bringing about the freedom now enjoyed.

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Mound City News.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—Mrs. Bettie Grace and Madison Claiborne are on the sick list. Mrs Josie Haines made a brief trip to Cairo on the 13th. Mrs. Joe Franklin spent a few days last week in Cairo. Charles Russell of New Grand Chain, is in the city. Wyatt Porter, the aged father of Mrs. Eliza Caldwell, died at New Gradd Chain, Ill, on the 7th. He had been a sufferer for several months. He leaves three daughters and several grand-children. Mrs. Rachel Miller departed this life on the 13th after a short illness. Charles Reed, S R, has returned from the road works near Thebes. Charles Woods spent last week in Dog Tooth Bend. The Lincoln anniversary entertainment was a success the proceeds being about $20, On the 13th and 14th about 175 teachers from Alexander, Massac, and Pulaski counties met in a very interesting cession in the M. E. Church of this city, The program was carried out to the letter and it has been said that this was one of the most instructive meetings held in this section. All three counties were well represented by our people and they filled some of the most important places on the program and various committees, among whom was Miss Susan Cooper formerly a teacher of Booker T. Washington's school who gave an instructive talk of her work in the Cairo school along industrial lines for girls. Prof. F B. Allen was elected one of the vice presidents for the coming year, much to the credit of Pulaski county and the colored people in general. The convention adjourned to meet in Metropolis, Nov. 1903 List of those present were: Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Charles Wilson, Susan Cooper, Eva Self, Ida Bedford, Frances McDaniels, Mary Bettis, Mrs. T. W. Lott, Sarah Williams, Edmonia Watkins, Ernestine Jenkins, Lydia Tyler, Hattie Jones, Nancy Bugg, Alma Lowe, Alma Partee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Douglass, Barbara Baker. C B Randall. Grace Smith, Maud Cook, Myra Scott of Alexander county Prof G. W. Buster, Annie Hawley, Lena Philipe, Irene Brown, Kemple Robison, Josie Parker, Bessie Johnson of Massac county Prof F. B. Allen. M. M Avant, H. T. Mc ork le, C M Thompson, Alonzo Hale, Ripley Young, J. C. Spearman, C Awant, Charles Southern, D. J Lee, C. Smothers C B. Ranson, John Allen, Henry Crice, W. H Harris. G. E Carter Misses Verna Price, Mittie Foulks, Martha Bolen, Pauline Owens, Edna Greensberry, Melvina Greensberry, Irene Craig, Flora Deboe, Ada Butter, Ella Davis, Flora Howard, Emma Moss, Lillie Crice, Florence Johnson of Pulaki-county.

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Maggie Carter

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In the State of Indiana.
No. 12409
Complaint Divorce,

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 10th day of Feb. 1903, the above named plaintiff, by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant Maggie Carter and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Maggie Carter is not a resident of the state of Indiana; and this cause is for divorce and that the last above named defendant is a necessary party thereto; and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 8th day of April 1903.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appears and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 8th day of April 1903 the same being the 3rd judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April 1903. said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

WM. E DAVIS, Clerk.
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Chas. Crossen sends his regards to Fred Simson, trombonist.

James L. Goodall's "Coontown 400" Company has closed for the season.

Wm. Grundy, as the Hotest Coon in Dixie, is quite a torrid proposition.

The Misses Boody Moore and Elizabeth Lyons, are with the Hotest Coon in Dixie Co.

Poney Moore the well-known Chicagoan, was a pleasant visitor in Indianapolis the first part of the week.

Eli Rice, the doubled voiced comedian of Gideon's Minstrel, would like to hear from James T. Young and also Henry Powers.

E. J. Loaney sends his regards to the Campbell Bros., Lash Gideon and Geo. Bryant. I am again with the Hotest Coon in Dixie Co.

F. W. Inman, singing comedian, has closed with the Georgia Minstrel. After a long separation, the team Inman & Moore will soon be together. Regards to all.

"The Smart Set" with Ernest Hogan and Billy McClain as chief fun makers, were big favorites at the Park theatre the first of the week. The company is exceptionally strong.

Mat Turner of Gideon's Mintrels, is meeting with great success, singing Williams & Walker's late coon song "Jonah Man." Regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Providence, R. I., special.—James Julius Turner has had an operation performed on his nose, by Dr. W. F. Morrison, 315 Broad street, and it getting along nicely. The doctor says Mr. Turner is a pretty tough man, one with nerves of iron, or he could have never come out of this operation with colors flying.

Notes from Gideon's Mintrels.—We are still in the State of Illinois, showing to good business. Our friends are making it very pleasant for the entire company. Harry Waters (Rastus) is still crying and never fails to please. A. A. Copland, our assistant stage manager, is singing with great success, "When the Minstrel comes to Town." He sends regards to Billy Miller and John Vaughner. Desdunes and Harris are still meeting with great success with their "Wireless Phone." George Bryant sends regards to Amos Gillard.

Master M. W. Walker, who has been general manager of the Pine Bluff Students Comedy Co., and of the Empire Dramatic Co., and who claims to be the youngest graduate interlocutor on the road, is now preparing for a tour of season 1903-4. He also doubles in brass, but his princcipal line is the arranging of new and well drilled first parts and olio acts. He claims to be able to please in the capacity of stage manager, and hopes to be able to sign a contract with one of the best colored ccompanies on the road. His address is 1604 S. Ga. St., Pine Bluff, Ark. Will send card in reply to correspondence.

Notes from the A. G. Allen New Orleans Minstrels.—Manager Hallback writes that all are well and back on the rail, as they were away from their cars two days last week. We played at Apalachicola, Fla., January 12, to a packed house, with advanced prices and many begged us to stay over another night, but owing to dates, could not. Now about the trip over: Some of the boys were afraid to cross the salty waters; we had a 32½ mile ride across the arm of the Gulf of Mexico, which was enjoyed by all, as we had a bright, sunny day. The boys and girls sat upon dec singing "In the Good Old Summer Time," while Jean Pittman, our solo alto, proved his bravery by staying on the car.

We were entertained by some of the gentlemen of that city, many of the boys having played there before.

Hi H. Hunt met an old friend from home; you know the rest.

Briggs Bennett, B. flat cornet, says look out.. H. S. Smith, old man and slide, says everybody back, as he's going to force his way through. Our band is a big hit nightly. Joe Jordan's sensational slide work, and Mr. Sam Johnson with his solos on the Euphonium baritone are doing nicely. Will Neuner, spealer, doesn't fail to tell 'em how it's going to happen. Prof. McCameron sends regards to Prof. Leach and all friends, as do also Kid Airent, Perry Wilson, Chas. E. Rue and Wm. Hallback.

Daddy Love's Theatrical Exchange, Chicago, Ill.—A birthday dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Curl, at their residence 3028 State St. A very pleasant evening was spent in singing, dancing, games, etc. Among the guests most prominent was theworld famous sketch team, Williams and Stevens. * * Miss Murell Ringold, late with Mms. Black Patti, joined "Smart Set Co., at Indianapolis, Ind. .She is an artist inher line, and is a credit to any company, and a hard worker. * * Georgia Dobbs and Louise Smith have joined the "Smart Set Co." * * Williams and Walker passed through with their company enroute east, last Sunday. * * Miss Edan Alexander, who had retired from the stage, owing to throat trouble, is so much improved that she is contemplating on returning. She is alreadyh aving some fine offers, but at present has not accepted. * * Johnnie Carroll is as happy as usual, and as an old man impersonator he is all right. He has been playing a six weeks engagemnet at Peter's Vaudeville House. * * Prof. James B. Tucker, of New Orleans, and Miss Ada B. Jefferson, Derby, Conn., were beautifully joined in the bonds of matrimony, February 4, at the bride's mother, by Rev. M. H. Jackson, of Grace Presbyterian Church. Many valuable present were received. Mr. Tucker in the profession is very well known as a musician, he is a mystery, his executions being wonderful. Mrs. T. is an accomplished scholar, a lovely entertainer, and a beautiful disposition. We wish them success and happiness their life, may their troubles be light as the oceans foam, and their pleasures as deep as the sea. They are receiving congratulations from friends daily.

Napoleon Johnson writes from the big festival: The S. R. O. sign can be seen nightly in front of the box office and it takes two or three officers to handle the crowd, while waiting for the doors to open at Augusta, Ga. .Billy Kersands, Clarence Powell, S. H. Dudley, J. E. Lightfoot and Dude Kelley was royally banqueted and made honorary members of the Joy Leaf Social Club, a club composed of some of the prominent business men of the city. The executive members being Sam Bates, Geo. Curry, Col. I. G. Porter, Chas. Smith, Chas. H. Goodwin, Rob't. Dixon, ex-Senator Theo. Ingalls, Rob't. Stefton, Jim Carter, Henry Harris, Lawrence Hearle, Millie Mitchell and Jno. J. Jones.

As a number of the boys will be at home to-morrow in Raleigh, quite a number of new suits are being displayed to-day, and as my ears have not been assailed with the saying, wait till we get to Raleigh, I am expecting—well I won't say.

After to-night's performance, J. E. Lightfoot will close and leaves for Palm Beach, Fla., to take charge of the Poincians Hotel Quartette. Elmo Dodd will take charge of the band Monday, and as all know him, it is needless to say we will still have one of the best bands on the road.

There was a number of cases of sickness on the car of late, but at this writing all are improving and as we are always glad to hear from friends, our route can always be found in the old reliable.

Kansas City, Mo., Notes.—Black Patti Troubadours opened here Sunday matinee, February 8, to crowded house, at the Auditorium Theatre, the largest in Kansas City. Rucker was on the sick list and did not appear pntil Monday night, when he walked down to the foot lights to do his specialty he was greeted with a burst of applause, that compelled him to ask the audience to "just let him have one word." He closed his engagement with the company here, and went to St. Louis, where he will rest for a few months. * * Mr. Rucker says he has something very big up his sleeve, so watch this paper if you want to ride in the wagon. It will be the biggest thing happened with the two biggest cards in their line.

Black Patti and J. E. Works sang "Miseure" (Trovatou) and gave better satisfaction than ever. No doubt Mr. Works is the best support she has ever had. The singing as a whole was good.

Bobby Kemp, the spirited Ragtime entertainer, must have his band and there's always one member who wants his own way, he finally gets him to "poke out his chest," then Jas. Crosby plays a Trombone solo—and "eh" they sing! * * After all the circus broke up in a row, Miss Mabel Turner leaves for New York, Muriel Ringold joins the Smart Set Co. at Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Rucker go to St. Louis. Saturday was general rehearsal day for the Troubadours here. The latest—What did she say? and where are you going?

Joe and Sadie Britton opened at the Orphanum the 15 inst.

Harry Fiddler, Frank Clermont, Houseley Bros., Ed. Tollion, J. Chas. Parker, of Georgia Minstrels, were in the city last week. Most of them witnessed the opening of the Patti show. Chas. Watts of same company, had the pleasure of makink two trips here to see friends.

"Peaceful Henry" is the name the latest coon song, to be introduced by Jno. Rucker.

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Why don't the "Smart Set" come to Kansas City. Hogan is favorite and McCain is no stranger.

Denver, Colorado, Notes.

Berni Barbour is here making a great hit with his music and stage ability. He was formerly with Ernest Hogan. Recently Mr. Barbour put on "Emancipation Day" with a company of ameteurs with encouraging results. Harris' orchestra is meeting with success at all entertainment. Mrs. Henrietta Vinton Davis appeared in "Old Kentucky Home," Thursday evening, January 29, and scored a success. Mrs. Davis an actress as well as an elocutionist.

Notes from The Honolulu Comedy Co.

At this writing we are enjoying the blessings of health. We opened the above show on the 7th at Austins Opera House, Effingham, Ill., to a big house of over 900 paid admissions, and we continue to do a big business. Our car reached us in Windsor yesterday the 14th in fine condition. Dora Wilson Wall suggested a name for the car, and we hired a painter to paint the name (Hilo) on it at once. Last night was our first meal on our car, we certainly feel at home. The Petitts have added three more new features to their magic act. J. Turner Wall is singing "Jona man," and "You better change your mind and stay at home." We all send best regards to all of our well wishers. Will give route next week.

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Like the scarlet letter whose introduction binds the crimson chain of evidence around the murderer, so do the errors of an illadvised actor, who enters into hostilities with a stage critic, lay bare his weaknesses to the critical world.

The best method for an actor to persue, in the face of a critic, is silence. Silence denotes wisdom. The critic on any newspaper who writes under signature, will always say the penalty for his own mistakes without the protest of a few erroneous actors or other individuals.

His position denotes understanding of the work he persues, but his lack of discretion could ultimately lead him to ostracism and despair.

—The Penalty of Warfare.—

To enter into warfere with a recognized critic is never good judgment for an actor. The cost of it is dear to his pedigree and especially if he be a star, it would greatly chagrin his modesty.

The newspaper correspondent who would pose as a "cats saw" for an actor, by openly insulting a critic in favor of an actors vanity, is simply an ignoramus. He has injured the actor whom he seeks to befriend, and the actor has also injured himself, or any interested parties thereof have also injured him, a thrice injured actor. Actors should never grieve over stage criticism, no more than a critic should grieve over the slander he receives from misapprehensive parties who can't even write straight. These are the class of people who need instructions. The pains of wounded actors must be healed without entering into warfere. The penalty of warfare, in such cases, always means disaster.

—The Crises of Ignorance.—

The size of trouble which flows through ignorance is almost unbounded. There has never been one instance in all the Freeman criticism of the past where an actor has been insulted, I gave notice in former reviews of all that was coming to pass and yet when it came, some of the brightest stars were not ready to accept it as a sacrifice for their own good, in this day, as for the coming generation. .The actor who looks at himself, personally, overlooks his brother; this is the crises of ignorance.

Any public actor who cannot live comfortable through the criticism of the past had best retire from the stage at once, there are lots of bright young delegates and plenty of re-inforcements in the woods. When they arrive to the front they will receive the same dose of criticism from the next succeeding critic of emergency, who will arrive in turn, for I vow that comedy has brought—what must be reasonable intelligent—criticism into play.

—The Price of Vanity.—

Vanity, self-conceit, sensitiveness and self-esteem are positive drawbacks to any actor who fails to keep the bull dog characteristics of his nature under control. .The man who is affected with this baneful combination of circumstances, whether he be a star or a loafer actor, he must evidently pay the price of his vanity at some unexpected time in his career as an actor.

The actor who squeels at criticism, when it comes to him individually, has no right to do so, at the cost of thinking himself better than some others who did not squeal at all, when, in fact all actors are of one size in the eyes of a critic. So the pride of cry babies must be crushed in the face of their own philosophy.

—The Value of Brotherhood.—

Warfare has been an even battle for justice at the cost of injustice all around.

The outcome has been propitious. It should be a helpful source to the comedy producers, an upbuilding to actors who thought they were perfect, when they were not, and a lesson to those who have insulted the Freeman critic from the outside.

Love and union is now the chief thing to be desired. How shall we establish it? The conflict of criticism will speedily end at the beginning of brotherhood and sincerity. The time is ripe for union. This feeling should come about directly after the reign of strife. Its concluding features should have benefited its participants and unionism should be stronger.

This would reveal the true value of brotherhood. The total elements of success means charity. Charity, success and brotherhood must go linked hand in hand. The foundation has been laid, the example has been set, whether the present generation of actors will set forth to encourage and enjoy its precepts, remains to be seen.

—Charity begun with Women.—

Charity in the annuls of Negro stage history has begun with women. Sisseretta Jones, (Black Patti)—lucky for her—was the first woman to contribute to a noble cause. She did not hesitate and her example has greatly endeared her into all the hearts of the people of her race. The popularity of other bright stars, who have slept on their stubborness, has faded from view in comparison with the favor which the public will cheerfully bestow upon this noble woman as she enters the stage to charm the souls of men and women, who come to list to her matchless voice and gaze upon the face of the woman who was first of her profession to contribute to charity. Several other actresses who have contributed are also thought of in equal favor by the people.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

—Summery of the Review.—

What does this review teach us? It teaches that the ordinary actor, or star, who is stubborn and will not give in to public sentiments, is truly quite ignorant—I say this excusing poor actors, who are out of an engagment and would contribute to a good cause if they were able. Popularity in the life of a stage actor, must be in touch with the best judgment of public sentiments.

Rebellion will not benefit the perveyors of comedy, nor their aversion to consider ethics quite equivalent to their own judgment.

Many actors will read this review over and never understand it. .They will even discuss it and misquote what I have said.

This review is not for the ignorant, I submit it only to the intelligent actors of my race; to the workers and managers—all others are followers.

Advocating the legitimate standard does not mean that all comedies must be legitimate. Farce comedy is in common demand, but not so in the highest capacity to be attained by the favored few princibly whom I have criticised.

I have been striving to rectify the deficiences of advancing actors who have arrived to the legitimate. They must formulate the standard of their works and the classification of their productions. I am only repeating over and over what I have said in the past.

I must even tell the public over again that the actors whom I have criticised are the greatest performers of their race. My criticism has been in what we term the "first rank." I had to make it radical to take the required effect upon the coming generation of actors, only to sacrifice the stars and receive slanders myself. Therefore, none of the plays have been failures, none of the actors are bad. In spite of technical defects, all the plays are superior to those I have not mentioned at all. It is plain to see how some of the actors have misconstrued my doctrines and how utterly out of the question are the infant sneers of weakling correspondents who desire to instruct me. all such, I say: Behold in me, the champion of an easy prey!

Songs and Singers.

Louis Hesner, in Blaney's Company, is sing "Polly Pry."

Daisy Lindon is singing "Stay in Your Own Back Yard."

Lloyd and Walton report a big success in "Because You Were an Old Sweetheart of Mine."

Ollie Westen is singing Frank French's ballad hit, "Just for To-Night."

Ernest Luce, in filling some Western dates, is featuring "You Say Good Night but Mean Good Bye" and "In Loveland," two new ballad successes.

The musical Nelsons are featuring the instrumental hit "Creepy Creeps," also the song "Good Nibht Beloved, Good Night," as a solo.

Ryley and Hughes report a big success with "Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken."

Pessie Tayolr, of "The Social Maids" Company, is singing "Good Night Beloved, Good Night," and "Just a Line from Jennie."

Nellie Leighton is very successful in the songs, "They Are for Her, Her, Her," by Billie Taylor, and "Just a Line from Jennie," by Heelan and Armstrong.

Malmsby and Whitney are making a success of the new march song, "All Is Fair on Love and War."

McKennon and Reed are pleasing Little Kaller Boy and Me," Stanley the Westerners with "Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken" and "Is That All You've Got to Say."

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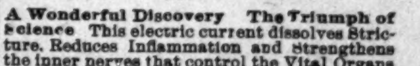

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One feeder finds turnips a very valuable aid in fattening his steers. While there is not much fat in the turnips, they are greatly relished and serve as an appetizer and aid to digestion. In England a feeder would not know how to fatten a steer or sheep without turnips.

The men in the north country—the extreme northern limit of the corn belt—are always fooling with the big corn of the south country, and nearly always to their sorrow. Northern cornfields should be planted with northern grown seed and of those varieties only which will mature in 100 to 110 days.

Many county boards of supervisors are buying stone crushers and will begin a systematic plan of macadamizing the public highways. These crushers can be operated by an ordinary thrashing engine and set up at any place where stone suitable for the purpose can be obtained. These machines will crush hard heads as well as limestone.

There are two agencies which can be made to promote the improvement of the public highways, paupers and patriotism. The splendid highways of European countries are the outgrowth of the pauperism of the common people of those countries—road work or starvation. America should substitute patriotism, such enthusiasm and community of interest in the securing of good roads as will in a very few years give us the best of highways.

"Does it pay to keep sheep on a seventy-five dollar an acre corn belt farm?" we are asked. Yes, provided the man who keeps them is a sheep man, otherwise not. The objections to sheep are that special and extra fencing is required, as they spoil the pasture for the other stock. On the other hand, they keep the farm free from weeds and use up much roughage which but for them would be wasted. The pound of mutton can be produced as cheaply as the pound of pork or beef, and there is the wool besides.

All field crops save the legumes—clover, alfalfa, beans, peas and their relatives—remove more or less fertility from the soil, some crops, such as tobacco, flax, millet and cotton, being almost soil robbers, while wheat, oats, barley and rye are heavy feeders, corn of all our common crops drawing the most upon the sun and air and least upon the soil. The legumes referred to possess the happy faculty of appropriating the free nitrogen in the air and depositing it in the soil as available plant food, and thus become enrichers instead of impoverishers of the soil. It may thus be safely said that no farm is well farmed where the legumes are wholly wanting.

Texas Happenings.

Mineola, Tex., Special.—Texas needs a first class national bank and first class business men. Mrs. Nancy Jones is very sick at the residence of Bob Holt, her grandson. She is an ex slave of John Heath's of Richmond, Va; is about ninety-nine years old. Simon Lee's people are all well. Mrs. Pate and others are having new additions put to their residents. Mrs. Callia Johnson is taking medical treatment from Indianapolis and is doing very well. Mrs. Jennie Martin has moved to Oklahoma. Wood Carter and family are well. John C. Clemons is running a first clas barbershop in Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Pearl Garrett has contracted to make a crop with H. Anderson this year. Mrs. Ella Williams has many boarders. B. Arnold farms every year, making very good success. There are eight saloons in the city.

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Society and Personal Notes.

Chicago, Ill., special: The funeral of Mrs. Minnie Childers, who died Tuesday, February 3d, in the full triumph of her Saviour, at 11 a. m., at her late residence, 3114 La Salle street, was held from Quinn Chapel last Saturday under the direction of the Household of Ruth, No. 153. Rev. J. A. Thomas, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, of which she was a member, delivered a beautiful discourse over what was left of dear Minnie. Rev. A. J. Carey assisted. Resolutions were read by her order.

Good-bye, Minnie, for awhile,
For soon with you we'll be,
And upon each other smile
Through all eternity.

The Naomi Circle met at Mrs. Tribue's, 440 58th street. A good attendance was had, and refreshments were served. * * Each member is manifesting his and her interest in assisting to hold the arms of a tried and true Christian in the person of Rev. J. A. Thomas, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist. Quinn Chapel even feels so interested in her future welfare that, whilst they have no permanent church of their own, they have thrown open their doors, welcoming them to hold worship at any time. Let other so-called Christian churches show the same principle. * * Mrs. Mattie Thornton, who has been very ill, is able to be back to her daily vocation. Her many friends are glad to see her at her church once more, where she is so well loved by all. * * Tucker-Jefferson Wedding—One of the most beautiful weddings of the season occurred Wednesday, February 4th, at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Jefferson, No. 3155 Armour avenue. It was the wedding of Miss Ada V. Jefferson, of Derby, Conn., to Mr. James B. Tucker, of New Orleans, La. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. H. Jackson, of Grace Presbyterian Church, of which the bride is a member. At home after February 15th. * * The death angel visited the home of Mrs. Maggie Coates, 2730 Armour avenue, sister of Mrs. Anna Robinson, Phoebe Mason and Mattie Clarke, of this city; Miss Alif Clarke, of Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Jessie Cooper, of Boston, Mass., and John Clarke, Jr.; also daughter of John Clarke, Sr., of Lawrence, Mass. She departed this life last Monday morning, and as her soul took flight above to meet her dear mother already there, you could imagine you could hear the angels singing "All is Well." The funeral services were held from Quinn Chapel last Wednesday, Rev. A. J. Carey officiating. We extend to her relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

Maggie, dear Maggie, thou art gone,
To that celestial city above;
Your mission upon this earth is done,
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A LADY of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1902.

Madame McNairdee, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Madame.—Your letter like a ray of sunshine, came duly to hand and I am very pleased with it, for every word of it were true; I am sorry that I did not write to you months ago. I enclose $6.00 for your service, hoping that you may be successful in bringing about desired results. I feel quite sure that you can. I am very sorry to hear of your being ill, and sincerely hope your speedy recovery.

Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

Madame:—You are the proper person in the proper place. All that you say is true and all you do is good. May God bless you.

F. J.

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26, 1902.

I tried Mme. McNardee and find that she is well up to her profession. She will tell things to come, and they will come as predicted. It will pay people to try her who want to know many things in the future.

WRITE HER AT ONCE FOR ALL INFORMATION.

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A LADY of Fort Gibson, Ind. T.

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Is the leading colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organised January 1881 by William H. Browne and chartered in April 1883 under the laws of the State of Virginia with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female and consists of all persons of good health from fourteen to sixty years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from $1.50 to $2.50 per week and pays death benefits from $24.50 to $1,000.00.

BENEFITS PAID.

Total benefits paid to date: Sick Dues, $1,500,000.00; Death Benefits, $714,373.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS.

A Fountain may be organised consisting of twenty or more persons not over fifty years of age paying a joining fee of from $4.60 to $5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than thirty-five cents in rural districts and not less than fifty cents per month in towns and cities and a semi annual tax of forty cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from $1.50 to $2.50 per week, while death benefits range from $75.00 to $125.00. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS.

For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebud. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may from a Rosebud, upon the payment of $1.00 each. This department like the Senior Fountain pays sick benefits from $1.00 to twenty five cents per week and death benefits from $24.50 to $37.00. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

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AGES.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
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25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 70	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 66
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55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

CLASS "E" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 5 00	$ 500 00	$ 250 00	$ 9 50	$ 2 50
25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
30 to 35	5 50	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
45 to 50	6 25	400 00	200 00	11 40	2 85
50 to 60	6 50	350 00	175 00	11 40	2 85

CLASS "M" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 30	$ 11 00	$ 1000 00	$ 21 00	$ 5 25
30 to 35	12 00	1000 00	22 00	5 50
35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all, costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

In March 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia, a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountian United Order of True Reformers, capital stock $100,000 00. The bank commenced bussiness April 3rd, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid-up capital stock of $100,000.00. From the humble sum of $1.268.69 deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to $350,858.00, and the volume of business transacted amounts to $6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing-house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne an ex-slave of Habersham county, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of $225,221 65, situated in various States, consisting of 18 magnificent buildings used as halls 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and 3 farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it.

This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, Chief of Real Estate and Attorney for the organization, with offices at 604 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMER'S MECANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December 1899 with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this Association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail) buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and general business. The Association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodation for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3rd, 1900. It emyloys a force of eighteen men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did $50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since and have been equally as prosperous. The General Manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is $1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 12 by 62 inches. Fine job-work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is Editor and Business Manager, office 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME

In September 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of the old and decrepid members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634¼ acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James" has been purchased at a cost of $14.400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electrict Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequeaths of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Homes, offices at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

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Race Gleanings.

MY PRAYER.

I could not hope to live my little day
With smiling face and not one care;
I only pray for strength along the way
To help me all my sorrows bear.

I could not hope to find my pathway clear
With not one thorn to pierce my feet;
I only ask for friends my path to cheer,
And power to breast the storms I meet.

I could not hope to have of friends a host
With foes and treacherous friends but few,
I only ask a chosen few to boast,
With faithful, loving hearts and true.

I could hope to live for self alway
And never feel another's pain,
I only pray some good to do each day,
Some added grace each day to gain.

—Ruby J. Thompson.
824 S. 7th street, Paducah, Ky.

Rev. J. K. Comfort and others, Ellisville, Miss., are arranging to establish an Orphans' Charitable and Industrial Institute for colored children. They have already secured a charter and propose to locate the institution wherever they get the best offer for the same. This will, of course, include land and financial assistance. The charter provides for a trustee and a committe of five in every town or city in the state. Brother Comfort will be glad to hear from any community which desires to make a bid for the location of the orphanage.

Perhaps the most pre eminently distinguished colored women before the footlights today is Sissieretta Jones, commonly referred to as "Black Patti." Sissieretta Jones has gone on uninterruptedly in the noiseless tenor of her way, and attained a success that comes as the private property of those only who take good care of superior vocal organs. Indeed in Mme. Jones the Negro has an exponent of as highgrade music as can be found in any people The Negro has the talent, is adapted to any sort of music, however seemingly arduous, and he can with as much ease as anyone else bring it out with its inherent sweetness.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, a surgeon of national fame, has been re-appointed surgeon of the Cook County Hospital and has been chosen by the president of that institution as one of the executive committee of seven of the hospital.

Prof Du Bois of the Atlanta University says: "From the thirty-four high grade institutions, the gift of New England to the freed Negro, about two thousand Negroes have gone forth with the bachelor's degree, and about 400 Negroes have graduated from Yale, Howard, Oberlin and other Northern colleges. Of the 2,500 graduates, 58 per cent are teachers, presidents institutions heads of Normal school, etc, 17 per cent are in other professions. Six per cent are farmers, artisans and merchants, and 3 per cent are in government service."

J. P. Eastham, a white man of Virginia. Was tried and convicted in the police court of Richmond, Va., for attempting to abduct a fourteen-year old colored girl. Judge Cruchfield in sentencing him said: "Eastham, this court has no mercy for you, though you be a white man.. Your purpose was too plain to be misunderstood You and all others of your kind must understand that colored people who respect themselves and are respected can get the protection of the law in this court. I therefore give you the fullest penalty, twelve months in all

Rev. George L. Davis, a recent graduate of Lincoln University, is taking on a formidable assortment of titles. He is already an "S. T, B." and an "A. M." At the coming term he enters the University of Pennsylvania to earn the affix, "Ph. D." to the list, with a "D D" and "LL. D." futurity.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Once more we beg to call attention to the Tuskegee Summer Normal Institute for colored teachers which will be held at this institution June 29 to August 7th. Every teacher whether in a country district, or in a graded school, should find a place in some summer school each year. Teaching justly claims a place among the highest and most important.

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It seems to be a poetic culmination the law of compensation by which the Negro element furnishes to the great American people the foundation for their national music, but this is the glorious prospect that awaits us. The Negroes and the Negroes alone, have the songs of the American soul and soil, and Dvorak was not long in discovering the fact, and "Aus der Neuen Welt" is the result of his discovery.

At the National Conservatory on the arrival of Dvorak were two Negro students who have probably done the new American music a greater service than any individuals in the whole musical world These young men have since made names and enviable reputations for themselves.

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Thacker Burleigh, is the leading basso in the choir of St. George's Episcopal Church, Stuyvesant Square, New York This is one of the wealthiest churches in New York. He is also a member of the faculty of the National Conservatory, and enjoyed equal communion with Dvorak, Josefy, Seidl, and the other modern musical demigods whose very name inspire us provincials to awe and reverence.

The other, Will Marion Cook, is a native genius of surpassing brilliance, His range of musical productions include a Negro National Hymn (a misnomer, how ever) of rare beauty and spirit, an operetta, a high grade comic opera, and songs overtures and sonatas that will surely live into the next century. Burleigh and Cook are the men who lent Dvorak the opportune suggestion which resulted in the canonization of Negro music and it is whispered that they added their individual talents to their suggestion

With due regard to the musical achievements of S, Coleridge Taylor, the young African musician, Burleigh and Cook are the nestors and deans of the new American school music, the raconteurs of its themes and the architects of its structure. The mantle of Dvorak fell upon their shoulders, as a matter of logical sequence. They form a shrine around which our future music must encircle. —The Colored Teacher, Hopkinsville, Ky.

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"There are a few theaters, and there might be more, in which fine action is finely displayed. Now one nobly conceived and nobly rendered play will give a stronger moral impression than the best schoolmaster conceivable, talking ethics for a year on end. One great and stirring book may give an impression, less powerful perhaps, but even more permanent. Practically, these things are as good as example—they are example. Surround your growing boy or girl with a generous supply of good books, and leave writer and growing soul to do their business together without any scholastic pawing of their intercourse." --H. G. Wells in the Febuary COSMOPOLITAN.

The Boys in Blue.

Ft. Reno, O. T., Special.—Since the editor of The Freeman has been kind enough to publish an article each week from Ft. Reno I think it would be a good idea for Ft. Niobrara, Neb., Ft. Harrison and Missoula, Mont., also the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry to write an article each week and then subscribe for The Freeman. By that way we can hear from our friends in blue weekly without going to the trouble of writing letters. Old Ft. Reno is on the boom. We have a decided advantage over the rest of the colored soldiers stationed throughout the West. As this is the only post garrisoned by colored troops in the vicinity of a large colored community the boys are well thought of among the citizens, and are admitted into the best society that El Reno, King Fisher and Oklahoma City can afford. If our young men go wrong it is their own fault and not the fault of the army and their frontier life. Sergeant L. S King and M E Reynolds went out hunting Jan. 25th with one shot gun and two shells. They promised the boys of Co. F a turkey supper on their return, but the next heard from them they were in El Reno riding through the city in a automobile owned by A. L. Fuller. The Tuxedo Club gave a full military dress ball Jan. 24th Everything was going nicely until King and Reynolds of Co. F appeared in the hall dressed in women clothing. It caused quite a laugh, but the sergeant could not see the funny part, and called the guards, but, as luck had it, our old friend, C. W. Owens, was officer of the day, King and Reynolds got off with only three days' hard labor in the guard house and a good lecture from C. W. Owens. The ministers of El Reno are afraid to come to Ft Reno to preach the gospel. They think the soldiers will eat them. All of us used to attend church and Sunday school. We hope Ft. Niobrara will subscribe for The Freeman and let us hear from them through the same. Mickie Green will wake up from his long slumber when he sees this I beg to remain yours,

A CONSTANT READER.

Social and General News.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Mrs. Fred. Banks has accepted the position as hair dresser at the Park Hotel. The Ping Pong club met at the home of Mrs. Anderson on Tuesday night and had an enjoyable time. Bishop Isaac Lane, of the C. M. E. church, was in the city on the 1st and 2d, and delivered three able sermons while here at Cottrel C. M. E. church. Don't forget the great military feat to be given at the Auditorium on the 20th. This affair is to be the grandest of the season. Late arrivals at St. Pythian Sanitorium are: Messrs. William Golden and Will Rodgers, Little Rock; Sam Neubis, Pueblo, Col.; W. McCowans, New York; W. M. Wintersmith, East St. Louis; L. Dawson, Helena, Ark.; Andrew Dennis, Eaton, Ga. An oratorical contest will be given at Visitor's Chapel A. M. E. church on the 18th and 19th inst. Walter Thompson has recovered from a brief illness. Mrs. Ida Daniels, of Arkadelphia, Ark., is here on a visit, W. S. Gardner spent the 1st in Little Rock. Andrew Kennell, of Pine Bluff, is here for the season. Sampson Commandry No. 4, U. R. K. of P., will give their entertainment at the Auditorium on March 4th. Give us your subscription.

Quarterly Meeting Services.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—The quarterly meeting held at the A. M. E. Zion church on the 8th, was a grand success. Presiding Elder Selectman preached two able sermons, in the morning and night. Rev. Rice, of Belltown, preached at 8 p. m. The afternoon and night services were well attended. Collections were good. Miss M. B. Givens, principal of the public school at Springfield, Ky., accompanied by the following ladies and gentlemen, rendered sweet music at the 3 o'clock service: Misses Mary Davidson, Matilda Vancleave, Maggie Gowdy, Anna Gowdy, Anna Grundy, Julia Grundy, Bertha Smith, Mesdames Bertha and Athenia Nickles, Messrs. Henry Davidson, Joe Lancaster, Rowan Nickles and Frank Davidson. The donkey and pie-eating supper given by the stewardesses of the Zion church on the 7th, was a success, notwithstanding the inclement weather

Notable, Newsy Nuggets.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—The "Smart Set" showed here last Sunday night at the Opera house to a large audience. Ernest Hogan and Billy McClain, the star performers, proved to be men of superior ability before the foot lights Thompson Bros., grocers, deserve the patronage of the race. Hon. J. L Philips should be re-elected mayor by all means, as he is the colored man's friend. The Peoples' Industrial Association, in this city, owned and controlled by colored men, is a new move toward race development They carry on real estate, loan and insurance business It is about time the colored men who were to have been appointed in the sheriff and treasurer's offices were receiving word.

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Church and Social News.

Jackson, Mich., special: Miss Eva Johnson was on the sick list last week. * * The new Oakleaf Band has elected officers for the next six months as follows: Frank S. Casey, manager; Bruce Thornton, secretary; James Brooks, treasurer; Thomas Jones, leader and director. * * Miss Bessie Powers spent a few days in Battle Creek last week. * * Mr. Irwin Brazleton will make Jackson his home for a few weeks. * * The Second Baptist Church would like to know the whereabouts of Mrs. Fannie Cranshaw. * * Mr. George Gullen won second prize last week for cake walking. * * Mr. Floyd McDonald was in the city Sunday. * * Mr. Herbert Case was made a member of the True Reformers last Thursday night. * * Anyone wishing the Freeman will please call on Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Mr. Will Viney is out again after a spell of sickness.

Mrs. Lucretia L. Knox is visiting her parents in Shelbyville, Ky.

Miss Nora Roberts, who has been visiting in Kokomo, Ind., has returned to the city.

Among the sick this week are Charles W. Brown, Will Pollard and Charles H. Lanier.

Big sale at the Atlas Cloak House, 211 Indiana avenue, four doors from Illinois street

Services at St. Philip Mission will begin promptly at 4 o'clock p. m, beginning with Sunday.

Ladies wanted at the Atlas Cloak House, 211 Indiana avenue, four doors from Illinois street.

Dr. G. Weaver of Marion and Dr. Walter Bennett of Danville are spending a few days home.

Mr. W. A. Thomas, Miss Eleanor Booth and Mrs. Mayne, city teachers, are on the sick list.

Mrs. Remus Moore ent rtained the Topaz club Wednesday afternoon at her residence on Alvord street.

Mr. W. H. Fielding was entertained at tea Tuesday evening by Mrs. Grace Lucas Thompson and her grandmother.

Mr. Mayman Reese left Thursday night for his home, Henderson, Texas, called by the illness of his father.

Mr. Tony Moore, the well-known Chicagoan, was in the city a few days this week. He stopped with Mrs. Betta Moss.

Mrs. Grace Lucas Thompson of Washington, D. C., wife of R. W. Thompson, is in the city visiting her grandmother and relatives.

Mr. Willis Kersey of the English Hotel barbershop gave a luncheon last Wednesday evening to the "boss" barbers at his residence.

Mrs. Julia Brown Hillman, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brown, will return to her home in Covington, Ky., Monday.

Billy McClain, the well-known actor, was in the city the first part of the week with his company, "The Smart Set." He was given a royal welcome in his home.

Mr. Julius R. Cox will conduct the services at St. Philip Mission Episcopal church next Sunday. Mr. Cox is a postulant for orders; it will be his first appearance. He has chosen "Lent" as his subject.

Great Religious Awakening at Bethel A. M. E. Church.

The revival services which have been in progress for three weeks are working a complete revolutionamong the members of that congregation. Old fueds and quarrels are passing; people who had deserted for years are returning. The younger ones are being enlisted by the score, and the unsaved are crowding to the altar for prayers nightly. The meetings are being conducted on regular evangelical lines—somewhat different from the old stereotyped methods. Dr. Townsend's talks are pronounced unique, forceful and convincing. A regular weekly program is followed. The choir of fifty voices make the place resound with lively spirited gospel songs N one can attend these services without being impressed. This week the doctor expects the accession list to reach one hundred.

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Old Kentuck News Items.

Nicholasville, Ky., Special —There were forty-nine that put on Christ by baptism last Sunday. The ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev C C. Goines of the First Baptist church. There are about twenty-six more to be baptized. Mr. James Martin died on Monday, the 16th, and his funeral was preached Wednesday, the 18th, by Dr. Cary Smothers at the Baptist church. He was an Odd Fellow. Mrs. Jennie McQuery died on Wednesday and her funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. C. C Goines on Thursday. Why take the Jessamine Journal when The Freeman is a thousand times better, owned and run by Negroes? It is read by over 80 000 Negroes each week. Help to swell the number. The Old Folks' concert at the Christian church, Friday night, was well attended, but you haven't seen any thing until you see Miss Mollie Clayborn's grand minstrels operati Feb. 25. Some ignoramous wrote Rev. C. C. Goines and Deacon Brooks a letter informing them of a dance that some would-be members were to participate in and forgot to sign their name; was not man or lady enough; in other words, they were too cowardly to sign it, but they have a name and it fits very nicely, and that is "Runt." They are supposed to belong to the Baptist church and say they have religion. If that is religion excuse me. This is what we call intelligence, but it is only an illiterate person that would do such a thing. The B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday at 6 p. m. Mary E. Smally, president. Mrs. Sallie Chatwell is still on the sick list A great lie, if unnoticed, is like a big fish out of water, it dashes and plunges and beats itself to death in a short time Love your neighbor, but do not pul. down the fence, Keep your daughters off the streets, and you won t have so much time to run from door to door lying on your neighbor. "A cap!" try it on. Twenty persons wanted at once to subscribe for The Freeman.

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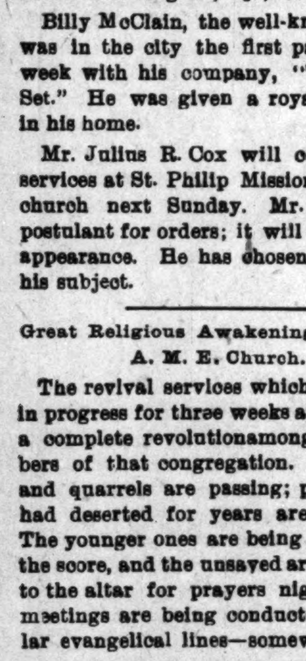

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